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1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

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2. Applicant is

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Sir:

This Communication Regarding Preliminary Amendment is being submitted prior to prosecution on the merits.

Remarks

New claims 32 and 33, added by the Preliminary Amendment dated July 16, 2003, are copies of claims 10 and 23 in U.S. Patent No. 6,419,703 (copy enclosed). The undersigned attorney inadvertently omitted this disclosure of the source of the new claim language. This oversight is promptly being cured.

Applicant respectfully directs the Office's attention to MPEP Section 2307, and in particular 2307.06.